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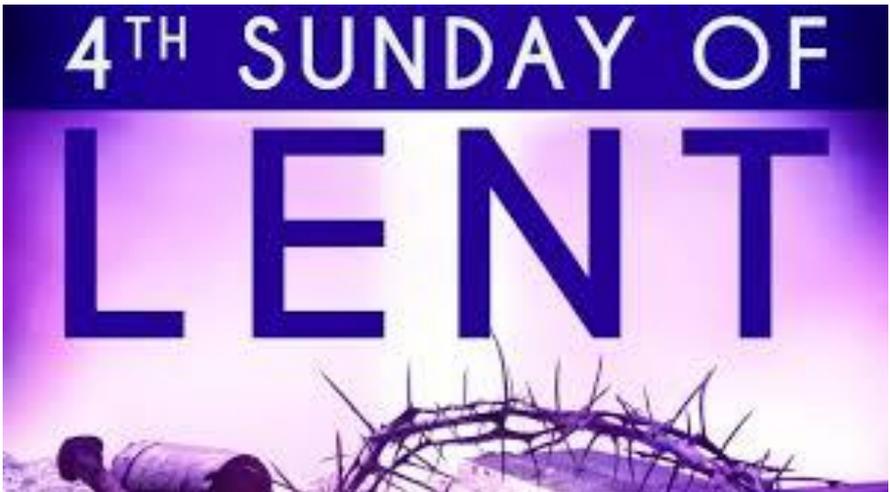
The Rev. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

The Rev. Colleen Lissamer, Deacon

***“Together in Christ
we seek to love God and
to love and serve all others”***

4th Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

Virtual Bible Study & Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth, and reconciliation.

*Reverend Ingrid Andersen preaches,
& presides with Reverend Colleen Lissamer.*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185**

*Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong
Scripture readings led by Lydia French
Psalm & Prayers led by Mike Armstrong
Gospel led by Rev. Colleen Lissamer
Sidespeople are Marylyn Butler & Sharon Crews
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(Please remain in your appointed place during the entire service. It is required that you wear a face mask except to receive the blessed bread, at communion time. At communion time, please remain in your seat and the celebrant will bring communion to you, in a safe manner which conforms to the provincial and diocesan protocols.)

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations. As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Opening Hymn: CP #442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Opening Prayer:

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of our First Nation companions.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time, and in this space, we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and space we are not alone, but one in Christ.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Gracious Father, whose blessed son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9-12*

Psalm: 32 (BAS Pg. 742)

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Gospel Hymn: CP# 608 Come You Sinner Poor and Needy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: Reverend Ingrid Andersen

The Creed: *(Adapted from Shore to Shore)*

We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light to this world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of God's gift of abundant life for all, in the world that God loves. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins. The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided. Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love. Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided

and the pain we have caused others. Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.

Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP# 520, The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Prayer over the Gifts: God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Open your hearts.

We open to the fullness of God.

Feast at the banquet prepared from the foundations of the world.

We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.

Holy and eternal One in whom we live and move and have our being our origin and our fulfillment we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love you fashioned the marvel of creation and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines, the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation and our stewardship for everything given and received.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their dependence on your provision salmon and whale, elk and bear, and through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, with a heart set on the pilgrim way we bring this bread and wine yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit and the fullness you promise in Jesus.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

Joining then with the saints of every time and place from these islands shaped by surging tides, wind and salt we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most holy One, in Jesus: who on that night before he died took bread and gave you thanks. Jesus broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said: This is my body which is given for you. Eat this, and know I am with you to the end of the age. After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying: This is my blood of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, know that I am with you to the end of the age. Therefore, God of all creation we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ and bring us to that heavenly table where we will feast anew and every tear will be wiped away.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy and Eternal One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Praise be to you, source of all life! Alleluia!

Lord's Prayer: *(sung)*

The Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread.

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Communion Hymn: *"Down to the River" Sung by Choir*

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: CP #500 Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 29 – What-Sew-Ever @ 10 am

Mar 30 - Choir @ 7 pm in the Church

Apr 8 - Set-up for the Craft & Bake Sale, 6 - 8 pm

Apr 9 - Church of the Advent Indoor Craft & Bake Sale, 10 am - 3 pm

Apr 10 – Palm Sunday

Apr 13 - Ladies Guild Meeting @ 1:30 pm in the Main Hall

Apr 14 – Maundy Thursday Service (time TBA)

Apr 15 - Good Friday Service (time TBA)

Apr 16 – Post-Covid decluttering in preparation for Easter: come one, come all! (9 am – noon)

Apr 17 - Easter Sunday Service 8:30 a.m. (Chapel) & 10 am (Sanctuary)

Apr 19 - Parish Council @ 7 pm

Apr 20 – Book Club @ 10 am in the Main Hall

Jun 11 - STRAWBERRY TEA

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

*Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
Ingrid our Priest, & Colleen our Deacon.*

*Pray for S. Luke, Victoria - Daniel Fournier & Diocese of Yukon.
In the Selkirk Region for S. Michael & All Angels (Royal Oak).*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Bill, Kian, Travis,
Bob, Joan, Donna, Greg, Donnie, Terry, Barbra, Sarah, & Darleen.*

All care residences in Victoria.

We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.

Announcements

Easter Flowers

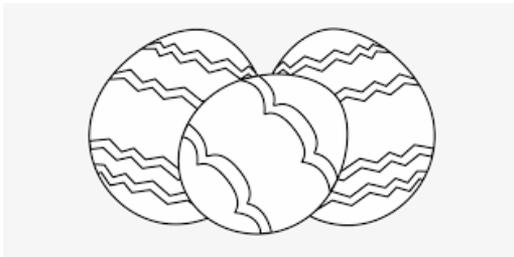
Easter is just around the corner! As you have noticed, our little flower envelopes are out again. As you are aware, your Altar Guild receives no money for flowers except from YOU, our wonderful parishioners. We ask for your support in purchasing flowers for Easter. We are asking only for a small contribution of whatever you have in your pockets! Please help us with this special ministry. **Thank you so much. -Your Altar Guild.**



“Spring Fling” Craft & Bake Sale

Perfect timing for Easter! Come to our 2022 Spring Craft & Bake Sale and purchase your Easter goodies and gifts. We will have several crafters from the community selling their handmade crafts, as well as crafts made by the What-Sew-Ever group, and of course delicious baked goods from the church.

This will be an indoor event and we will be following all current protocols. Hope to see you there!



Donations for the “Spring Fling”

We welcome donations of baked goods, crafts, and small gently used items for the “Spring Fling” sale (these items might be jewelry, accessories, fine china, unique collectibles - nothing too big - more like the items that would sell in an eclectic boutique setting).

We ask that baked items arrive pre-packaged. If you require plates and Ziploc bags, they are available in the parish office.



Recycling Program

Thank you for supporting our recycling program. Please feel free to drop off your recycling items at the church during office hours (Mon - Thurs, 9 am to noon). You will find the recycling bins located in the Narthex coat closet.

Just a couple friendly reminders. We kindly ask that you give the containers a quick rinse. Also, please do not send in any cream containers (half-and-half or whipping cream) as the depot will not refund anything labelled cream.

Here is an updated list of recycled items we are currently accepting:

- Milk & non-dairy containers (cartons, plastic, glass, tetrapacks)
- Any other glass, plastic or canned beverage containers

Thank you again for your support!